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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Thomas WEIMER ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Application No.: 09/833,675: ) Examiner: Cheyne Ly  
Filed: April 13, 2001 )  
For: Process for Finding )  
Oligonucleotide Sequences for )  
Nucleic Acid Amplification Methods )

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**RESPONSE**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003. Please consider the following remarks in this request for reconsideration.

**REMARKS**

Claims 10-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 26-34 have been withdrawn from consideration in response to Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (claims 10-25) and species election of the Hepatitis C Viral genome and the polymerase chain reaction. Claims 10-25 are rejected in the outstanding Office Action. No amendments to the claims have been made. For the reasons discussed below, Applicant traverses all of the rejections and respectfully requests reconsideration.

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